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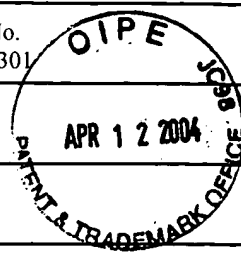
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1	English Language Translation of Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 2-283346.

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